

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 168

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members and ministers of
Mount Nebo Baptist Church upon the occasion
of their 136th anniversary

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; one such dynamic and historic community of faith is that of Mount Nebo Baptist Church, the members of which are celebrating the congregation's 136th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Mount Nebo Baptist Church was organized in 1871 by Reverend Pharoah Benson and met in the Davidson County School House; this church building was destroyed by a storm and was rebuilt, renovated, and added onto many times during the next several years, and the congregation has met in other venues as well; and

WHEREAS, in February 1991, a Council of Christian Education was formed at Mount Nebo to design new programs for the Educational Ministry of the Church and to reach others through evangelism, a testimony to the church's constant desire to maintain a relevance to its community; and

WHEREAS, the devout members of the congregation of Mount Nebo Baptist Church have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world and at the same time have furnished many community leaders throughout their collective history; and

WHEREAS, Mount Nebo has ministered to the community in many ways, including supporting such efforts as Annie Laura Dement Scholarship Day, an interfaith worship experience at Riverfront Park in 1996, Nashville Night Out Against Crime, the 1997 Emancipation Proclamation Breakfast, the Food Source Ministry, and the Room in the Inn Ministry; and

WHEREAS, even during discouraging times, the exemplary members of Mount Nebo Baptist Church have kept their belief that that their church is built on a solid foundation and have let their faith prevail; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Mount Nebo Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the 136th anniversary of Mount Nebo Baptist Church, thank the good people of this historic congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.